




BERMUDA.

An ACT further to provide Means for supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled “ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands,” and for certain other Purposes therein mentioned and specified.



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HEREAS an annual Aid is deemed necessary to render the Fund, established by an Act, intituled “ An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Majesty’s Islands,” equal to the Necessities of Government, We, therefore, your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty’s Bermuda or Somers Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty’s Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first Day of *August* next, until the first Day of *August* which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, there be a Duty of Six-pence on each and every Gallon of Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquor which shall be retailed, vended, sold, or expended in these Islands, and that the same be payable Quarterly, that is to say, on the first Day of *November* next, and the first Days of *February*, *May*, and *August*, in
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the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, to the Collectors of the several Parishes herein after appointed, and in case of refusal or delay, that the said Collectors be, and they are hereby declared to be severally authorised and empowered to levy the same by distress and sale of the Refusers or Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, retaining to themselves from the Proceeds of every Sale the usual and accustomed Poundage, or a Sum equal to the amount of the Duties levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND for the more effectual collecting the said Duty, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Person holding Rum and any other spirituous distilled Liquors on the said first day of *August* next, exceeding five Gallons, shall, within forty-eight Hours thereafter, give, and upon Oath, if required, to the Collector for the Parish where such Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors shall be, a just and true Account of all such Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors as such Person shall then have been in possession of, from and after the said first Day of *August* next, and that each and every Person or Persons who shall, from Time to Time, after the said first Day of *August* next, during the continuance of this Act, be possessed of any Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, by Importation, shall, in like manner, render unto the Collector for the Parish where such Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors shall be landed or received, a just and true Account of the number of Gallons, and of the Denomination of each Vessel containing the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Collector shall suspect, or be informed, that Rum or any other spirituous distilled Liquor is in any particular House or Place, which hath not been reported as by this Act is directed, he shall have power to take to his assistance such Persons as may be necessary to the occasion, and require such House or Place to be opened; and in case of refusal, to open or cause the same to be opened by force, provided it be in the Day; and that all unreported Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquor, which shall be found by any Collector, be forfeited, and within ten Days after seizure, sold at public Outcry, the one Half of the Proceeds of which shall be to the said Collector and Informer, if any, and the other Half to the same uses as the Duties imposed by this Act; and that any Person

Person summoned or required to aid and assist as above-mentioned, and refusing so to do, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Collector to whom such refusal shall be made.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Collector shall trace any Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquor to the possession of any Person who shall not have reported the same, agreeable to the Prescription of this Act, and who shall neglect or refuse either to produce the same, pay the Excise therefor, or point out the manner wherein the same has been disposed of, so as that the Excise may be collected therefor, then, and in every such Case, such Collector shall be authorised and empowered to levy for the Excise on all such Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, on the Refusers and Delayers Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, in the manner herein before prescribed.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Public Treasurer shall, in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, subsequent to each Report, cause to be inserted under his Signature as Public Treasurer, a List of the several Quantities of Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors imported and exported during the continuance of this Act, with the Names of the Vessels, the Master and Person importing and exporting the same; and that every Importer be deemed and considered liable to the Duty hereby imposed on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, such Quantities only excepted as shall be by him re-shipped or sold in the Cask or Vessel as imported, and then, and in such Case only, on Condition that he shall, within forty-eight Hours after the Transaction, give Notice thereof in writing to the Collector of the Parish to whom such Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors shall have been reported; and in case of Deception or Misinformation in such Notice, the said Importer be subject and liable to pay to the said Collector double Duty for all Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, of the sale or re-shipment of which he shall have given undue and irregular Notice.—And also, that any Collector receiving Information of Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, from the Importer thereof, or otherwise, having been sold to a Person residing in a different Parish, shall, without delay, notify the same in writing to the Collector of the Parish where such Purchaser shall reside, and that he be allowed a reasonable Charge against the Public therefor: Provided always, that if any Duties hereby imposed on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, be
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lost, or not collected through the Neglect or Delay of any Collector whatever, the Collector so neglecting or delaying shall be subject and liable to the payment of such Duties in like manner as if the same had been actually collected and received by him; and that each Collector do make an abatement of fifteen Gallons in every hundred Gallons, to be computed from the original Gauge of the Cask or Vessel containing Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors sold and expended within these Islands, as an allowance for waste, and that no other Allowance be made, except in case of extraordinary Accident, to be proved by Oath, to the satisfaction of the Collector of the Parish where such Accident shall have happened.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Importer of Rum during the continuance of this Act, shall be obliged every Six Months after the Time of Report, or as much sooner as the said Rum shall have been disposed of, to deliver to the Treasurer a just and true Account of the Manner wherein the said Rum shall have been so disposed of, and to whom sold and delivered, under the penalty of being liable to pay One Shilling a Gallon on all such Rum as such Importer shall not have accounted for, to be recovered by the said Treasurer, as in Actions of Debt not exceeding Forty Shillings.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that for each Horse, Mare, and Gelding, which on the first Day of October next shall be owned or possessed by any Inhabitant of these Islands, there be in like manner paid the Sum of Six Shillings and Eightpence current Money; and that in default of payment thereof, twenty Days previous Notice being given by Advertisement in the Bermuda Gazette, the Collectors of the said Tax on Horses be authorised and empowered, and they are hereby declared respectively to be fully authorised and empowered to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of such Owners and Possessors neglecting to pay as aforesaid; and that the Collectors be severally authorised and empowered to retain to themselves from the proceeds of every Sale the Sum of Five Shillings current Money, or a Sum equal to the Amount of the Tax levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Master or Commander of any Vessel importing Horses, Mares, or Geldings,

Geldings, during the continuance of this Act, shall, immediately on his arrival in these Islands, make, and on Oath, if required, a just and true Report of the Number of such Horses, Mares, and Geldings, so by him imported, to the Public Treasurer, and at the expiration of ninety Days thereafter pay unto the said Treasurer the Sum of Forty Shillings current Money for each and every of the said Horses, Mares, and Geldings, under pain of being subject to the Payment of Five Pounds for each and every of the said Horses, Mares, and Geldings, which shall not be reported and paid for as aforesaid. Always provided, that such Master or Commander be exempt from the payment of the Tax hereby imposed for all such Horses, Mares, and Geldings as he shall be able to make appear to the satisfaction of the Treasurer aforesaid shall have been actually exported again within ninety Days next after their Importation as aforesaid.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following Persons be, and they are hereby appointed Collectors of the Excise on Rum, and other spirituous distilled Liquors, Tax on Horses, Mares, and Geldings, and Tax on Negroes or other Slaves, that is to say,

For *St. George's Parish*, Mr. JAMES STOCKTON.

For *Hamilton Parish*, Mr. THOMAS WOOD.

For *Smith's Parish*, Mr. THOMAS ALBOUY.

For *Devonshire Parish*, Mr. JOSEPHUS DARRELL.

For *Pembroke Parish*, Mr. JAMES TOPPIN.

For *Paget's Parish*, Mr. DANIEL TRIMMINGHAM.

For *Warwick Parish*, Mr. DANIEL GILBERT.

For *Southampton Parish*, Mr. FRANCIS DICKINSON.

For *Sandy's Parish*, Mr. JAMES BURROWS.

AND that the Public Treasurer shall, in the BERMUDA GAZETTE, subsequent to the passing of this Act, notify the Collectors aforesaid of their respective Appointments, and that such Collectors shall, within ten Days, thereafter severally offer and tender themselves to some one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for taking an Oath of Office, which each and every Justice of the Peace so called upon, is hereby authorized and declared to be obliged to administer, in the Words following, to wit,

" I *A. B.* being appointed by an Act, intituled " An Act further to provide Means for supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled " An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these His Ma-

“ jesty’s Islands,” and for certain other Purposes therein mentioned
 “ and specified,” Collector of the Duty on all Rum or other spi-
 “ rituous distilled Liquors, that shall or may be retailed, vended,
 “ sold, or expended during the continuance of the said Act within
 “ ——— Parish, in these Islands ; and also a Tax on every Negro
 “ or other Slave, Horse, Mare or Gelding, belonging to or pos-
 “ sessed by the Inhabitants of the said Parish, do solemnly swear
 “ that I will, to the utmost of my Power and Ability, faithfully
 “ and impartially discharge the Trust reposed in me by the said
 “ Act.—So Help me God,”

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that for every
 Negro or other Slave, whether at Sea or on Shore, which on the
 first Day of *October* next shall be owned or possessed by any Inha-
 bitant of these Islands, there be brought, delivered and paid to the
 Collector of the Parish where the Owner or Possessor of such
 Negro Slave shall dwell or reside, on or before the first Day of
December next, the Sum of One Shilling and Four-pence ; and that
 for this purpose each Owner or Possessor of any Negro or other
 Slave, shall, on or before the said first Day of *October* next, give in
 upon Oath, if required, to the Collector of the Tax hereby im-
 posed on Slaves for the Parish where such Owner or Possessor
 shall reside, a List of every Negro or other Slave which he or she
 shall then possess in any manner or capacity whatever, according to
 the best of his or her Knowledge, under the penalty of Five Shil-
 lings for each Negro or other Slave whose Name shall not have
 been so given in, to be recovered by the said Collector, which
 Oath the Collector aforesaid is hereby authorised to administer with-
 out Fee or Reward. And that in case of the absence of any Per-
 son, being an Inhabitant of these Islands, when the Monies arising
 by virtue of the Tax by this Law imposed on Negroes or other
 Slaves shall become due, the Wife, or other Person entrusted with
 the care of the Effects of such absent Person, be obliged to pay the
 Monies due by virtue of the said Tax on Negroes or other Slaves
 out of the Effects of such absent Person. And also, that in default
 of payment of any or either of the said Sums (on twenty Days
 previous Notice being given by Advertisement in the Bermuda Ga-
 zette) the Collectors of the said Tax on Negroes or other Slaves
 be authorised and empowered, and they are hereby declared respec-
 tively to be authorised and empowered to levy the same by dis-
 tress and sale of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements
 of such Owner or Possessor of Negroes or other Slaves neglecting

bring, deliver, and pay, and give in Lists as aforesaid, or either of them. And that the Collectors be severally authorised and empowered to retain to themselves from the Proceeds of every Sale the Sum of Five Shillings current Money, or a Sum equal of the amount of the Tax levied for, at their option, as a Compensation for the Trouble incurred in consequence of such Levy and Sale.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Collectors shall receive at and after the rate of Ten Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall pay to the Public Treasurer, arising from the Duty on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors by them collected; and at and after the rate of Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds which they shall in like manner pay from the Taxes hereby imposed on Negroes or other Slaves, Horses, Mares and Geldings, and that the said Collectors shall Quarterly, that is to say, within Ten Days after the said first Day of November next, and the first Days of February, May, and August, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, or at the expiration of their respective Offices, if sooner ended, pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received for the Duty on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors imposed by this Act, the Commission herein before allowed first deducted, and within Ten Days after the expiration of their respective Offices, render unto the said Treasurer, and, upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of Monies so received, and from whom; in which Account, in order the better to detect any Error or Omission in the Collection of the said Duty on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, the Entries shall be so worded as to shew whether the said Collectors have properly or not availed themselves of the Notices directed to them in consequence of this Act, and otherwise complied with the Requisites thereof; and that the said Collectors shall severally, on or before the first Day of January next, in like manner pay to the Public Treasurer all Monies by them received from the Taxes hereby imposed on Negroes or other Slaves, Horses, Mares, and Geldings, the Commission herein allowed first deducted, rendering at the Time, and upon Oath, if required, a just and true Account of the Monies so received, and from whom; all which Accounts, as well respecting the Duty hereby imposed on Rum or other spirituous distilled Liquors, as the Taxes on Negroes or other Slaves, Horses, Mares and Geldings, shall be deposited and reserved in the Treasurer's Office for the inspection of the Legislature. And in case any such Collector shall refuse or neglect

to tender himself for qualification in the manner herein before directed, and after qualification fully to comply with the other Requisites of this Act, he shall forfeit and pay for such Offence the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds current Money, to be recovered by the Public Treasurer in any Court of Record in these Islands, by Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that as often as it shall happen that either of the said Collectors shall be rendered incapable of holding his Office by death or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for the Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to fill up such Vacancy, and every Person by him so nominated and appointed, shall be subject to the like Restrictions and Penalties as those imposed on the Collectors herein nominated and appointed.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the first Day of *August* next, until the first Day of *August* in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine, there be a Duty of Two Pounds Ten Shillings in every Hundred Pounds, on all Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, and Effects sold at Auction within these Islands; those sold by Execution or belonging to Insolvent Estates only excepted; and that every Person who shall, during the continuance of this Act, enter on the Sale of any Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects, subject to the above Duty, shall, previous thereto give unto the Public Treasurer good and sufficient Security, that the same shall be particularly reported to him the said Treasurer, within thirty Days after Sale, and that the Duty imposed by this Act shall be thereupon regularly paid to the said Treasurer out of the Proceeds of such Sale, One and One Quarter per Cent. being first deducted as a Compensation to the Auctioneer for collecting and paying the same, and that any Person presuming to enter on the Sale of Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels, or Effects at Auction, subject to the Duty hereby imposed, without having previously given the Security above-mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the full Value of the Houses, Lands, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Chattels or Effects so sold, to be ascertained in any manner satisfactory to the Court where such Offence shall be cognizable.

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AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that on or before the first Day of *May* next there be paid into the Public Treasury by the several Parishes in these Islands, to wit, *St. George's, Hamilton, Smith's, Devonshire, Pembroke, Paget's, Warwick, Southampton,* and *Sandy's* respectively, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds current Money each; and that for this purpose the Vestry or Assessors of each of the said Parishes for the Time being, be, and they are hereby declared to be severally and respectively required, authorised, and empowered, having previously taken an Oath before some one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in these Islands, to proceed with Justice and Impartiality to raise by Assessment and Levy on or before the said first Day of *May* next, on the Lands, Houses, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other Real Estate, in the said Parishes lying and being, (the Real Estate of any Widow not exceeding One Hundred Pounds Currency in value only excepted) in such manner and form as to such Vestry and Assessors, or a major part of them, may seem meet and agreeable to Equity and good Conscience, the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds; and to cause the same to be paid without any deduction whatever into the Public Treasury aforesaid.—And that in case of default, either wholly or in part, it shall and may be lawful for the Public Treasurer, having given ten Days previous Notice in the *BERMUDA GAZETTE*, to seize any Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other real Estate, that may belong to any Person or Persons resident in such Parish to the value of the Sum in arrear and unpaid, with the usual customary and legal Poundage and other incidental Charges, and to make Sale thereof, due and regular Notice of the Time and Place of Sale being previously given in the *BERMUDA GAZETTE*.—Always provided, that it be in the Power of the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate shall be so levied on, by application to the Chief Justice of these Islands to obtain, and such Chief Justice is hereby empowered to issue an Execution, authorizing the Provost Marshall General in like Manner to levy the Sum paid, with incidental Charges as above-mentioned, on any other Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate belonging to the Residents in such Parish that shall be pointed out by the Plaintiff, and so in succession, when and as often as occasion may require.—And also always provided, that no Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate be twice levied on in the possession of the same Person; and that no Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate be levied upon which may belong to any Person who shall be able clearly to make it appear to

the Officer about to make the Levy or Sale, that he or she has either paid his or her Proportion of the said Sum, or tendered and offered at any Time previous to the said first Day of *May* next, to pay to such Vestry and Assessors, or any one or more of them, his or her proportion of the same.

AND be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in every Levy to be made by Virtue of this Act, the Overplus, after payment of the Sum levied for, with incidental Charges, be restored to the Person whose Goods or Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or other Estate, or either of them, shall have been so levied on.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all Monies arising by virtue of this Act, whether by Fine, Forfeiture, or otherwise, not herein before particularly appropriated, be to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for and towards supplying the Deficiency of the Fund established by an Act, intituled " An Act " for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government " of these His Majesty's Islands."

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 27th Day of *June*, 1788, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, *Speaker*.

CONCURRED to by the Council
this 27th Day of *June*, 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 28th Day of *June*, 1788.

WILLIAM BROWNE.



B E R M U D A.

A N A C T

Settling an Annual SALARY on his Honor
HENRY HAMILTON, Esquire, Lieute-
nant-Governor and Commander in Chief in
these Islands.

HEREAS it is essential to the necessary Sup- Preamble.

port of the Honor and Dignity of this his
Majesty's Government, that a Salary, adequate
to the Abilities of the People, be settled on
his Honor the Commander in Chief, during
his Residence within these Islands in that ca-
pacity. And whereas our most gracious Sove-

ign has been pleased by Instruction for that purpose, to permit
and allow the General Assembly to settle upon the Commander in
Chief for the Time being such additional Salary as they might see

fit, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects

the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers'

Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it

may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Lieutenant-

Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and or-

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dred Pounds current Money, to commence from the twenty-seventh Day of October last past, and to continue for and during his Residence within this Government as Commander in Chief of the same; and that such Salary be annually provided for in like manner as the other contingent Charges of Government, which Salary shall be, and is hereby declared to be in full for every Demand which former Governors or Commanders in Chief have been accustomed at any Time heretofore to make on the Public of the Islands, as well for Repairs to the Government House as otherwise.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of December 1788, and ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

JAMES TUCKER, Speaker

CONCURRED to by the Council this 19th Day of December 1788

JOHN HARVEY, President

ASSENTED to December 20th 1788.


HENRY HAMILTON



BERMUDA.

A N A C T

Declaring the **MODE** of ascertaining the
BOUNDS of **LANDS** in these **ISLANDS**.



HEREAS the Mode herein after prescribed for ascertaining the Bounds of Lands in these Islands, has, in consequence of certain temporary Acts, now expired, been, for a great number of Years past, found to be salutary, and fully equal to the Ends proposed by the Legislature, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after the first Day of *July* next, whenever a Doubt or Difference shall arise relative to the Bounds of Lands, five sufficient Persons of the Vicinity shall be nominated by the Parties, and in case of disagreement, by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being; which Persons shall be commissioned by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the said Governor or Commander in Chief, directed to the Surveyor and Commissioners aforesaid, authorising them, or a Majority of them, to enter upon the Lands in doubt or dispute as often as they shall think proper; hear and consider the Proofs and Alle-

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gations of the Parties, and Circumstances attending the Original or other former Survey, determine and ascertain the Bounds and Limits of such Land, and cause to be affixed thereon such and so many plain and durable Marks as they shall see fit; which Marks shall be deemed and considered to be the undoubted Bounds and Limits of the same.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each and every Commissioner, previous to the Entry on any Survey, do take the following Oath, to be administered by the Surveyor, to wit, "I, A. B. do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that
 "I will justly and faithfully discharge the Trust reposed in me
 "by the Act entitled "An Act declaring the Mode of ascertaining
 "the Bounds of Lands in these Islands," according to the best of
 "my Skill and Judgment, without Favour, Partiality, or Affection,
 "so help me God."

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Surveyor aforesaid shall, within twenty Days after the Receipt of any Warrant, enter on the Survey directed thereby, having given five Days previous Notice to the Commissioners and Parties interested therein; and in case of the absence of either of the latter, to his or her Attorney or Agent, and the Tenant in possession.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Surveyor and Commissioners shall have power to summon, by Warrant, directed to any Constable of the vicinity, any Person named by either of the Parties as a Witness; and in case of neglect or refusal, to commit such Person so neglecting or refusing, to Goal, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for the space of forty Days, and until all incidental Costs and Charges, to be particularly ascertained by such Surveyor and Commissioners, shall be fully paid and satisfied, together with twenty Pounds to the Party agrieved for the want of such Evidence.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Surveyor and Commissioners shall have power, after the completion of any Survey, to put the contending Parties into peaceable and quiet possession of the Lands respectively adjudged them; and to assess the Expences attending such Survey, either for Fees to the Surveyor as well for plotting as otherwise, attendance of Witnesses, entertainment of the Surveyor and Commissioners, or in any other manner incurred thereby; and to direct the Proportions which the
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Owners of the Lands affected by such Survey shall respectively pay, and to levy the same by Distress and Sale, as in cases of Debt not exceeding Forty Shillings, and for want of Distress, to commit to Goal. Always provided, that not more than four Shillings Currency be allowed any Commissioner per Day for his attendance; and that all Services be fully performed by such Surveyor and Commissioners before they shall be entitled to any Compensation whatever.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Surveyor shall keep a Field Book, wherein shall be entered the Courses and Distances of each Survey, the Number and Quality of the Marks, with their Distances from each other, and lodge a fair Plot of each Survey in the Secretary's Office of these Islands within thirty Days after the Completion of the same, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds for each Neglect, to be recovered by the Party aggrieved.

AND be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Person molesting, disturbing or obstructing the Surveyor and Commissioners aforesaid, or either of them, or any Witness, Chainbearer or other Person attending on or concerned in any Survey, designedly removing any Land Mark, or committing other Trespas, after the Bounds of any Lands surveyed shall be duly fixed, and possession given as aforesaid, shall be subject to the payment of Ten Pounds for every such Offence, over and above the Damage that shall be assessed by the Justice or Jury trying such Action, to be recovered as in Actions of Debt not exceeding Forty Shillings. And that in any Suit or Action commenced against the Surveyor and Commissioners aforesaid, or any other Person acting under this Act, the Defendant shall have Power to plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff shall discontinue his Suit, or Judgement shall pass against him or her, the Defendant shall recover double Costs.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 26th Day of June 1788, and ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

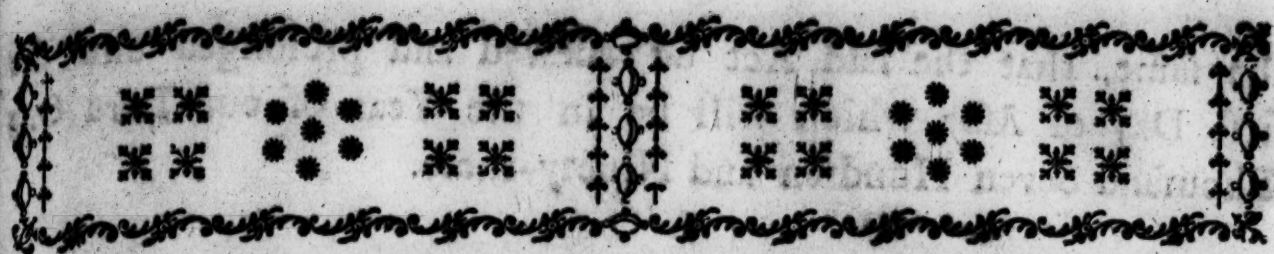
COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 27th Day of June 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 27th Day of June 1788.


W M. BROWNE.



B E R M U D A.

A N A C T

To renew and prolong an Act, entitled “ An
“ Act for the more effectual Prevention of
“ DAMAGE from PERSONS passing over any
“ Wall, Ditch, Hedge or other Inclosure.”

 HEREAS the said Act, entitled “ An Act for
“ the more effectual prevention of Damage from
“ Persons passing over any Wall, Ditch, Hedge,
“ or other Inclosure,” was made and passed the
17th Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hun-
dred and Eighty-four, and was to continue in
force from the first Day of *June* then next ensuing to the first Day
of *June* one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and so to
the end of the next Session of Assembly, and then to determine
and expire ; and whereas the said Act, although discovered to have
been productive of great Good, has already expired, We, therefore,
your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assem-
bly of these your Majesty’s Bermuda or Somer’s Islands, in Ame-
rica, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted,
and be it enacted by your Majesty’s Governor, Council and As-
sembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of
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the same, that the said Act be renewed and prolonged unto the first Day of *May* which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundren and Ninety-three.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 20th Day of *May* 1788, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 23d Day of *May* 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 27th Day of *June* 1788.


WM. BROWNE.



B E R M U D A.

A N A C T

To alter and amend an Act, entitled “ An
“ Act for encouraging the Cultivation of
“ COTTON within these ISLANDS, by
“ granting to Holders of Lands, stipulating
“ to convert the same thereto, a Loan in
“ Certificates to be issued from the Public
“ Treasury.”



HEREAS it was the Intention of the above-mentioned Act to give the fullest Encouragement to the Cultivation of Cotton, by lending to the Holders of any Lands adapted to the growth of that valuable Article, and about to be applied thereto, such Sums of Money as may be necessary to put the same into a proper State of Culture; and whereas it is presumed not only that certain Lands held in Fee Simple conditional, and which are at present excluded the Benefit of that Act, may be found capable of the Production of Cotton, and in that view entitled to the Encouragement intended by the Legislature, but that it might be expedient, in certain particular Cases, to lend a larger Sum than that expressed in the said Act, on each Acre of Land, about to be applied to the raising

raising of Cotton, on the Receipt of sufficient Collateral Security, whether Personal or Real, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the Commissioners in the said Act named, or a Majority of them, shall have Power, and they are hereby declared to be fully authorised and empowered to grant a Loan, at Discretion, on any Lands, whether held in absolute Fee or Fee Simple Conditional, provided the Mortgage of such Lands be accompanied with such adequate personal Security as shall meet the Approbation of the said Commissioners, any Article, Clause or Thing in the said Act contained in any wise notwithstanding. Always provided, that this Act shall not be construed to authorise the granting Loans to a larger amount than what is stipulated in the said above-mentioned Act.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 20th Day of May 1788, and ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 23d Day of May 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 27th Day of June 1788.

WM. BROWNE.

BERMUDA.

AN ACT

For issuing CERTIFICATES to such Persons as have Demands on the Public of these Islands, agreeably to Bills regularly taxed, making those Certificates assignable and negotiable, and pointing out the Mode of sinking the same.

WHEREAS it is expedient to grant the Creditors to the Public the fullest Security for their respective Demands, during the Time that must necessarily be consumed in the Collection of Monies sufficient to satisfy the same, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that Certificates to the Amount of Five Hundred Pounds current Money be issued from the Public Treasury, on or before the first Day of September next, to his Excellency William Browne, Esquire, in full for the Seventh Year of the Salary settled on his Excellency, by an Act, entitled "An Act for the Settlement of a

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" Yearly Salary on his Excellency William Browne, Esquire, Cap-
 " tain General, Governor, and Commander in Chief of these
 " Islands," due the sixteenth Day of *June* instant, to carry legal In-
 terest from that Date, and that on or before the said first Day of
September next there be issued from the Public Treasury Certificates
 to the following Persons, to wit, To John Brickwood, Esquire,
 One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.—To the Rev. Mr. Richardson
 Fifty-four Pounds.—To the Rev. Mr. Moore Ten Pounds.—To the
 Rev. Mr. Barker Ten Pounds.—To his Excellency the Gover-
 nor, for Repairs and Improvements to the Government House, One
 Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds.—To Mr. Arthur Outer-
 bridge Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To
 Mrs. Elizabeth Place Six Pounds Nine Shillings and Four-pence.
 —To Mr. John Roberts Five Pounds.—To Stephen Judkin,
 Esquire, for two Bills, Fifty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and
 Eight-pence.—To Mr. John Lewis Nineteen Pounds Fifteen Shil-
 lings and Ten-pence.—To Thomas Lewis Twenty Pounds.—To
 Benjamin Bascome, Esquire, One Pound Four Shillings and Six-
 pence.—To Thomas Richards Thirty-five Pounds.—To Henry
 Manley Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five-pence.—To the
 Honorable Henry Tucker, Esquire, Secretary, Seventy-one Pounds
 Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To the Honorable Henry
 Tucker, Treasurer, Nine Pounds Founteen Shillings.—To sun-
 dry Persons who have lately embarked in the Whale and Cod Fish-
 eries, in pursuance of Encouragement held out to them by the Le-
 gislature, to wit, To Anthony Atwood Twenty-nine Pounds Six
 Shillings and Seven-pence—To Benjamin Hayward Twenty-one
 Pounds Five Shillings and Seven-pence.—To Henry Tucker, St.
 George's, Twenty-three Pounds Five Shillings and Seven-pence.—
 To Robert Hill Twenty-nine Pounds Five Shillings and Seven-
 pence.—To Messrs. Jennings, Tuckers and Co. for two Bills, Se-
 venty-three Pounds Eleven Shillings.—To Forster Bascome Ninety-
 three Pounds Two Shillings and Four-pence.—To Durham
 Hall Twenty-seven Pounds Five Shillings and Seven-pence.—To
 William D. Hall Thirty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings.—To Wil-
 liam D. Hall, one other Bill, Twenty-Seven Pounds Nine Shillings
 and Seven-pence.—To Nathaniel Butterfield, Junior, Forty-Eight
 Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four-pence.—To William Sears
 Twenty-three Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven-pence.—To Hin-
 son Gilbert Twenty-three Pounds Five Shillings and Seven-pence.
 —To John Williams (Salt Kettle) Twenty-one Pounds Nine Shil-
 lings and Seven-pence;—and to Messrs. Joseph and William Light-
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bourne Nineteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven-pence.—To Joseph Stockdale Balance Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Six-pence.—To Bridger Goodrich, Esquire, to be applied to the Completion of the Ferry Bridges, Ninety Pounds.—To Ditto, to be applied to the Repairs of the Road in Hamilton Parish, Fifty Pounds.—To Mr. Arthur Outerbridge, Clerk of the Peace, Six Pounds and Five-pence.—To Thomas Lewis the further Sum of Five Pounds.—To the Honorable the Members of his Majesty's Council, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted by the Council to the twenty-eighth Day of *June* Instant.—To the several Members of the Assembly, or their legal Representatives, the Sum of Three Hundred and Forty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, as settled and adjusted by the House of Assembly to the twenty-eighth Day of *June* Instant.—To the Honorable the Council, for their Attendance in Council, Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four-pence, as settled and adjusted by the Council to the twenty-sixth Day of *June* Instant.—To John Lewis, Clerk of the Council, Fifty Pounds.—To John Zuill, Clerk of the Assembly, Sixty-five Pounds Ten Shillings.—To John Roberts, Doorkeeper, Twelve Pounds.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates herein before directed to be issued in consequence of this Act, be printed and couched in the Words and Figures following to wit,

No. **BERMUDA,** 17 £.
This Certificate entitles
to the Sum of **Current Money,**
from the Public Treasury of these Islands, payable from the Fund
established by an Act, entitled "An Act for raising a Public Revenue for the Support of the Government of these his Majesty's
Islands," to carry legal Interest from
to the Time of Payment.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the before-mentioned Certificates be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, two of his Majesty's Council, and the Speaker and any five of the Members of Assembly, to whom the same may be most convenient.

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AND whereas it may be beneficial to the Public Creditors herein before-mentioned, to have Certificates in Sums smaller than the Amount of their several Demands, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer to issue Certificates to the said Creditors in such Proportions of their several Demands, as shall be to them most agreeable; provided always that no Certificate for a Division of a Debt be made for a less Sum than Ten Pounds current Money.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Certificate or Certificates issued in the manner before directed, be negotiable and assignable in the same manner as Promissory Notes are made by Law; and in case such Certificate or Certificates shall not be paid or discharged by the Treasurer within the Time in such Certificate particularly limited and expressed, that then such Certificate or Certificates shall, from such Time or Limitation, carry legal Interest until paid or discharged.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Person or Persons shall counterfeit, forge, erase, or alter any Certificate or Certificates issued in the manner herein before directed, with intention to defraud, such Person, so counterfeiting, forging, erasing, or altering such Certificate or Certificates, being thereof legally convicted, shall suffer Death without Benefit of Clergy.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates which shall be issued in consequence of this Act, be by the Treasurer aforesaid, paid in regular succession herein prescribed; yet, nevertheless that such Certificates be, and the same hereby are declared to be a legal Tender to, and shall be received in payment in the same manner as Gold and Silver Monies now are, and by Law ought to be within these Islands, by the Public Treasurer, for the discharging of any Duties, or other Debts whatsoever due and payable at or in the Public Treasury of these Islands, any Thing in this or any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if at any Time the Treasurer aforesaid shall find any Certificate, issued in consequence of this Act, and in regular succession to be paid and discharged, has either by Accident or Neglect not been presented to him for that purpose, he shall in such Case give notice thereof,

of, by Advertisement put up in his Office, free and open to public inspection; and then, if not produced to him for payment within thirty Days, Interest shall not be allowed on such Certificate from the expiration of that Time, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whenever the Treasurer of these Islands shall be called on during the sitting of the General Assembly, he shall produce to a Committee to be particularly appointed for that purpose, such Certificates as he shall have fully paid and satisfied, which Certificates, after due examination, and Account taken thereof, shall be by him the said Treasurer, in the presence of such Committee, burned and destroyed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates to be issued in consequence of this Act do carry legal interest at the expiration of six Months from the Date, except those herein before-mentioned to his Excellency the Governor, John Brickwood, Esquire, Public Agent, the Rev. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Moore and Mr. Barker, which are to carry Interest from the Date.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 27th Day of June 1788, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 28th Day of June 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to this 28th Day of June 1788.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

by Advertisement put up in his Office, free and open to public inspection; and that, if not produced to him for payment within thirty days, interest shall not be allowed on such Certificate from the expiration of that time, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when the Treasurer of these Islands shall be called on during the sitting of the General Assembly, he shall produce to a Committee to be particularly appointed for that purpose, such Certificates as he shall have fully paid and satisfied, which Certificates, as aforesaid, shall be taken thereof, shall be by him, the said Treasurer, in the presence of such Committee, burned and destroyed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Certificates to be issued in consequence of this Act do carry legal interest at the expiration of six Months from the date of their issue, before-mentioned to his Excellency the Governor, John Blackwood, Esquire, Public Agent the Rev. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Moore and Mr. Barker, which interest to carry in relation to the Date

NOTED and passed the Assembly the 27th Day of June 1788, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for their consideration.

COPELAND STILES, Speaker.

Concurred to by the Council this 28th Day of June 1788.
JOHN HARVEY, President.


ASSSENTED to this 28th Day of June 1788.
WILLIAM BROWN.



BERMUDA.

AN ACT

TO suspend, for a limited Time, the Operation of Part of an Act, entitled "An Act
" as well for the LIMITATION of certain
" PERSONAL ACTIONS and avoiding of
" SUITS, as for the AMENDMENT of the
" LAW, and the better advancement of
" Justice."



WHEREAS, notwithstanding the beneficial Preamble.
Tendency of an Act, affixing a Limitation to
Personal Actions, and the avoiding of Suits, it
becomes necessary that the Public should not
be involved in the Consequences that would
result from the enforcing the same, before a
general Notoriety of the Proceeding shall be
established within the Government, and as such Notoriety might be
now, from the Advantage of a Press, effected with certainty, which
could not have been done at the passing of the Act, entitled "An
Act as well for the Limitation of certain Personal Actions, and
avoiding of Suits, as for the Amendment of the Law, and the
better advancement of Justice." In order, therefore, to prevent
the Inconveniencies that might arise to the Public from the im-
mediate execution of the above recited Act, and to give them full In-
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formation of the Tendency thereof, We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that

The Operation of Part of the first Clause of the Act, entitled "An Act as well for the Limitation of certain Personal Actions, &c." suspended. Within what Periods Actions upon the Case, &c. shall be commenced.

the operation of such Part of the first Clause of the said Act, entitled "An Act as well for the Limitation of certain Personal Actions, and avoiding of Suits, as for the Amendment of the Law, and the better Advancement of Justice," as limited the Commencement of certain Personal Actions to certain Periods next ensuing the first Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, be suspended for and during the Periods following, to wit, That the said Actions upon the Case (other than for Slander) and the said Actions for Account, and the said Actions for Trespass, Debt, Detinue and Replevin, for Goods and Chattles, and the said Actions of Trespass, quare Clausum fregit, within three Years next after the first Day of *January* next, or within six Years next after the Cause of such Actions or

Actions of Trespass, of Assault, &c. when to be commenced, and when Actions for Words shall be commenced.

Suits, and not after, and the said Actions of Trespass, of Assault, Battery, Wounding, Imprisonment, or any of them, within one Year next after the said first Day of *January* next, or within four Years next after the Cause of such Actions or Suit, and not after, and the said Action on the Case for Words within One Year next after the said first Day of *January* next, or within Two Years next after the Words spoken, and not after.

Every other Article of the said Act declared to be in full Force.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every other Article, Matter, Clause and Thing in the said Act, entitled "An Act, as well for the Limitation of certain Personal Actions, and avoiding of Suits, as for the Amendment of the Law, and the better Advancement of Justice," be adjudged and considered to be in as full force and effect, as if this Act had never passed.

VOTED and passed the Assembly this 19th Day of *December* 1788, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

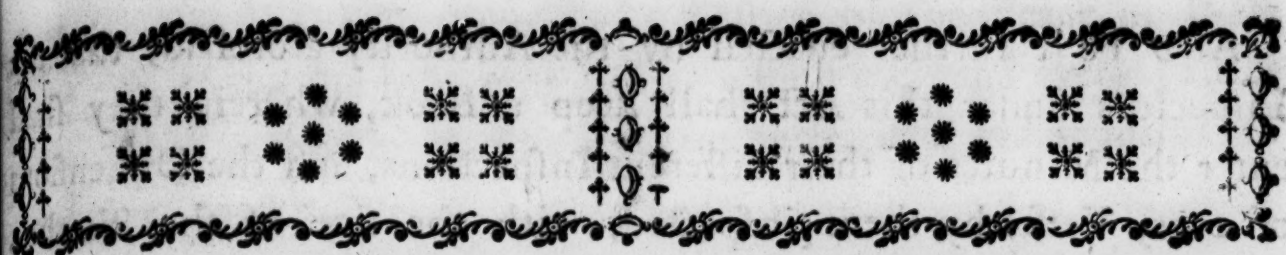
JAMES TUCKER, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 19th Day of *December* 1788.

JOHN HARVY, President.

Assented to *December* 10th, 1788.

HENRY HAMILTON.



BERMUDA.

AN ACT

Directing SEA VESSELS built in BERMUDA to be inspected, and pointing out the Method of doing the same.

WHEREAS it is apprehended that the Inspection of Vessels to be built in these Islands will tend not only to fix their Credit at distant Markets, but to deter designing Persons, if such there be, from building Vessels with improper and unfit Materials, We, therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that from and after the first Day of July next no Vessel to be set up and built in these Islands shall be entitled to a Certificate under this Act, but what shall be inspected at three different Periods, in the manner following, to wit, First, as soon as the first set of Timbers shall be fully fixed; Secondly, when the Bends shall be on and the Beams in, but before either the Deck or Ceiling shall be laid; and Thirdly and Lastly, when the hull shall be compleatly finished and ready for being launched.

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AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Inspectors under this Act shall keep a Book, wherein they shall enter the Minutes of their different Inspections, and the Dimensions of every Vessel by them inspected, with the size of the Timber, Plank, Nails and other Materials, in order as well that a proper Judgment may, on the last Inspection, be formed of the fitness of the Materials, as that it may be generally known by Ship-builders of what thickness and length the Plank, Decking and Ceiling of Vessels of particular Dimensions ought to be, and what sized Nails are proper for putting on the same.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Inspectors aforesaid be, and they, or any two of them, are hereby declared to be fully authorised and empowered to grant to the Owner or Owners of every Vessel by them inspected, and which shall be deemed staunch, strong and well-built, a Certificate in the Words and Figures following, to wit,

“ THESE are to certify, that the Vessel now about to be registered by the Name of the ———, being a ———
 “ sterned Vessel, ——— Feet and ——— Inches long by
 “ the Keel; ——— Feet and ——— Inches broad on the
 “ Beam, and ——— Feet ——— Inches deep in the Hold
 “ was built at ——— Parish, in these Islands, this present
 “ Year, and on due inspection has been found to be strong
 “ and staunch, and finished in a workmanlike manner. In
 “ witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and
 “ Seals, in Bermuda, this ——— Day of ———, in the
 “ Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ———.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Person who shall forge or counterfeit any Certificate of Inspection or who shall make use of the same, knowing it to be forged or counterfeited, shall not only be liable to such Fine and Imprisonment, as the Court, taking cognizance of the Offence, shall adjudge, but also to the payment of such Damage as any Person injured thereby shall be able to make appear.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that Thomas Dickinson, Daniel Hubbard Outerbridge, and Robert Bissett, Esquires, be Inspectors under this Act, and that they be severally required, within twenty Days next after the said first Day

of *July* next, to call upon some Justice of the Peace in these Islands, and take the following Oath, which each and every Justice of the Peace is hereby declared to be authorised and required to administer, to wit,

“ I *A. B.* do solemnly swear upon the holy Evangelists of
 “ Almighty God, that I will, to the best of my skill and
 “ judgment, duly, impartially, and without Favour or
 “ Affection inspect and certify all Vessels that shall come
 “ under my view as Inspector, agreeably to the Prescrip-
 “ tion of an Act, entitled, ‘ An Act directing Sea Ves-
 “ sels built in Bermuda to be inspected, and pointing
 “ out the Method of doing the same.”

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners be allowed for every Certificate by them granted, the Sum of Forty Shillings current Money if the Vessel be under Fifty Tons; Three Pounds if above Fifty and under Seventy-five Tons; Four Pounds if above Seventy-five and under One Hundred Tons; and Five Pounds if above One Hundred Tons; to be paid by the Owner or Owners of the Vessel, and divided among themselves in such Proportions as shall be by them agreed upon; and that in case of the Death, Absence, Removal or other Inability of any Inspector, the Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, be empowered to nominate and appoint another in his stead, who, on taking the Oath aforesaid, shall have similar Powers and Authorities with the Inspectors hereby appointed.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act be and continue in force for and during and unto the first Day of *July* which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and then to determine and expire.

Voted and passed the Assembly this 28th Day of *May* 1790, and
 Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

JAMES TUCKER, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 28th Day of *May* 1790.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to *May* 29th, 1790.

HENRY HAMILTON.

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For the prolonging and amending an Act, entitled “ An Act for the attaching the Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Effects or other Personal Estate of any Person or Persons not residing in, or any Inhabitant or Inhabitants being absent from these Islands.”

WHEREAS the above-mentioned Act, entitled “ An Act for the attaching the Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Effects or other Personal Estate of any Person or Persons not residing in, or any Inhabitant or Inhabitants being absent from these Islands,” passed the nineteenth Day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, and was to be in force for and during the Term of seven Years from the Publication thereof, and from thence to the end of the next Session of Assembly, and then to determine and expire. And whereas the said Act hath been frequently renewed; and although found to be of essential Service to the Community, is nevertheless about to expire, We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the General Assembly of these your Majesty's Bermuda or Somers' Islands, in America, do

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most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Governor, Council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same, that the said Act, entitled "An Act for the attaching the Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Effects or other Personal Estate of any Person or Persons not residing in, or any Inhabitant or Inhabitants being absent from these Islands," be prolonged for the space of ten Years, with the following Amendments, to wit, that all Proceedings which in any Suit or Suits hereafter may be had by and under the said Act, or by virtue thereof, during the continuance of the same, shall be deemed and esteemed good and valid, although this Act may expire before a Trial can be had, or Judgement given in such Suits, and that the several Courts of Judicature in the said Act mentioned, shall suffer and permit the Parties in such Suit or Suits to proceed to Trial, and give Judgement in such Suit or Suits, in the same manner and form as if this Act was still in force; and also that the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of Persons who have never resided within these Islands, be not, on any Account or Pretext whatever, liable for the Recovery of any Debt under the said Act.

UNANIMOUSLY passed the Assembly this 27th Day of May 1790, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

JAMES TUCKER, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 28th Day of May 1790.

JOHN HARVY, President.

ASSENTED to May 29th, 1790.

HENRY HAMILTON.